

Amendment

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**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended): A histological specimen retaining device for processing tissue, said device comprising: a foldable histological examination liquid permeable sheet having edges; a histological examination liquid permeable target disposed on the foldable liquid permeable sheet within the edges of said foldable histological examination liquid permeable sheet and attached with a glue spot, thereby providing extended flap portions which flap portions are foldable to overlap the histological examination liquid permeable target; and a malleable material securing strip attached to the foldable histological examination liquid permeable sheet of a length sufficient to secure said folded flap portions overlapping said histological examination liquid permeable target.

2. (Previously Presented): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 1 further comprising wherein the malleable material securing strip is attached at an edge of the histological examination liquid permeable sheet to allow for closure and clamping of the folded flap portions as well as positive release of the folded flap portions.

3. (Previously Presented): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 2, wherein the malleable material securing strip is a metal wire.

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4. (Previously Presented): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 2, wherein the malleable material securing strip is metal foil.

5. (Previously Presented): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 1, further comprising wherein the histological examination liquid permeable target is coated with a release agent.

6. (Previously Presented): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 1, wherein the histological examination liquid permeable target is a liquid permeable paper sheet having a glue spot located thereon for attaching the histological examination liquid permeable target to the foldable histological examination liquid permeable sheet.

7. (Previously Presented): The histological specimen retaining device of claim 1, further comprising an X and Y coordinate marking lines centered on the histological examination liquid permeable target.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Cancelled).